

## PEOPLE'S KITCHEN SUCCESS AT START

More Buyers than Supplies When Doors Open for First Time.

ROOSEVELT TO VISIT  
BROOKLYN SHOPS

Sightseers at Knickerbocker  
Bread Line Scatter When  
Collection Is Threatened.

Demand exceeded supply yesterday at the opening of the People's Kitchen at the southeast corner of Tenth Avenue and Twenty-seventh Street. It was the first kitchen where food was sold at cost, and was brought into a reality by the generosity and efforts of Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., Mrs. James A. Burden, Jr., Miss Charlotte Barnes, Miss Beatrice Benson, Mrs. Ernest Fabbi, Miss Marion Hollins, Mrs. Ralph Pulitzer, Miss Ruth Twombly and Mrs. James Webb. Mrs. Burden is the chairman of the committee. Mrs. Burden and Mrs. Vanderbilt actually started the kitchen going by opening the doors to a long line of people of the neighborhood.

Long before the time for opening there was a crowd lined up, with which to carry away their choice, including vegetable soup, beef stew, baked beans, rice pudding, stewed peaches, coffee or cocoa. The crowd was so large that the kitchen was closed at 10 o'clock. The kitchen is open from 10 o'clock to 12 o'clock, and the coffee or cocoa two cents.

"The unexpected crowd of purchasers at the opening," Mrs. Burden said, "is a manifestation of the fine folk in this district, who feel that they are self-respecting purchasers, and not the recipients of charity. No food is given away. There is no relief of any kind connected with the kitchen. It is not only an effort to tide over the families of laborers who are the domestic victims of foreign strife, but also a determined movement to raise the food standard and habits of the people of the West Side."

Mrs. Vanderbilt, in commenting on the enterprise, said: "It is most gratifying to me to see the splendid response which comes from the neighborhood. It merely shows that these good home folk are badly in need of a place where they can get good food without paying prices which are above their means. For the benefit of the workmen on the docks and others who must be at their work early, beginning this morning at 6 o'clock, the kitchen will be open, consisting of cereals, rolls and coffee, which will cost 5 cents."

The kitchen is an effort to aid families with limited incomes. A survey of the district by the committee disclosed the fact that there were many mothers who work outside their homes. They have no time to prepare meals at home, and it was to help them and their families that the kitchen was opened.

A substantial amount was realized for the workshop fund of the Mayor's Committee on Unemployment yesterday from the benefit performance of "The Clever Ones" at the Punch and Judy Theatre. Henry C. Frick sent a check for \$100. Mr. Frick said he could not use any tickets himself, and the money was used to buy seats for fifty blind persons from Miss Winifred Holt's Lighthouse No. 1.

Among the patrons were Mr. and Mrs. John Purcell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Speyer, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gary, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. William Hamlin Childs, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius N. Bliss, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. William Hamlin Childs, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Outerbridge, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, Mrs. Thomas J. Vivian, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bruere, Miss Mary Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Otto T. Barnard, Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Horowitz and Mrs. Robert S. Cartwright.

Colonel Roosevelt will make a tour of workshops for the unemployed in the afternoon. He will be accompanied by William Hamlin Childs, one of the active members of Mayor Mitchell's

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Committee on Unemployment, he will start out at 3:30 p. m. from 174 Fulton Street, headquarters for Brooklyn's bundle day committee, in an automobile and inspect the workshops and mingle with the workers. Mr. Childs, as the chairman of the Progressive party in Brooklyn, was instrumental in persuading Colonel Roosevelt to make the tour.

There were almost 600 more men on the Knickerbocker broadway yesterday than it was possible to feed. All of the women who applied—148—were served before the long line of men reached the tables. The police estimated the total number of applicants at 2,500.

A crowd of sightseers blocked the roadway and the south side of Forty-third Street, but the police took up the breadline to take away a collection the crowd melted away.

## DONATION SHOP PROVES A SUCCESS

Bargain Seekers Aid Working  
Girls and War Relief by  
Each Purchase.

Do you want to buy a picture, a teakwood table, a fan, a piece of silver, or almost anything else one could mention, buy it at half price and help the girls without a job by the act? Then go to the Donation Shop, recently opened at 225 Fifth Avenue, and see what they have there.

Many persons have drawn on their possessions to contribute to this shop. Mrs. Andrew Carnegie sent some Tiffany glass, some silver and other articles. Mrs. Lewis Thompson gave a set of silver butter dishes. Miss A. C. Fisher, described by members of the committee as "a charming lady," brought a wonderful ivory fan which had been in her family forty years.

Miss Maude Wetmore gave paintings, lamps and books. Mrs. Kate Douglas Wiggin visited the shop yesterday with some of her own stories, autographed. They were sold in two hours.

Prompt sales have been the fortune of the Donation Shop thus far. Last week the profits were \$200. Yesterday the sales amounted to \$100. The making articles for soldiers. Yesterday's receipts will give twenty-two girls employment for a week at a living wage.

Almost all the receipts are profits, for the empty store, the service and the stock are all contributed. Mrs. Kenneth Frazer, wife of the late, runs the store. Miss Marian Webb runs the shop. A group of young women have organized to help her, coming in couples, for a morning or an afternoon, to wait on customers. Among them are Miss Gertrude Van der Meer, Miss Julia Appleton, the Misses Laura and Mary Canfield, Miss Gertrude White, Miss Edna Barker, Miss Evelyn Leonard, Mrs. J. McIlwaine, Mrs. Howard N. Potter, Mrs. George Van der Meer, Mrs. William Adams Delano in charge of the shop committee.

Contributions of articles are wanted as well as customers. The counters are labelled "Do not know the size of your shoes, you can pick out the right counter at once."

## DR. GREER GREETED ST. ANDREW'S MEN

Hour Has Come for Church to  
Exert Influence, Bishop  
Tells Brotherhood.

Bishop Greer extended an official welcome to the visiting members of St. Andrew's Brotherhood at its annual meeting in the Synod Hall of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine yesterday. Nearly 600 were present.

"It is not necessary for me to repeat what so many people are saying at this time, that we are nearing a great crisis in the history of this world," said the Bishop. "The policy that might make right is breaking down a tremendous barrier, and the hour has come for the Christian Church to exert the great moral force in her possession."

The entire 600 received communion in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine yesterday. Bishop Greer presiding. Dr. Paul Matthews, Bishop of New Jersey, spoke on the relation of the Church and corporate consciousness.

Dr. Philip M. Rhinelander, discussing individual responsibility, said: "The cause of most of the trouble in the world may be traced to too much talk. Among others who made addresses were Franklin S. Edmonds, of Philadelphia; J. T. Lodge, of St. John's Church, Montclair, N. J., and Hubert Carleton, general secretary of the brotherhood."

Washington's Birthday is official letter writing day for the hoboes, and yesterday letters started for more than 100 lonely mothers all over the country, to tell them that their wandering boys to-night were at the Hotel de Gink. The hotel's general manager, orator and chief press agent, Mr. Davis, was busy all day passing out sheets of the brown wrapping paper, de Gink stationery, but he found time to explain why every hobo writes at least one letter to his folks at home the truth about where you are—that's why letter day is on Washington's Birthday," he said.

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## LETTERS TO FIFTY MOTHERS MARK HOBOS' CELEBRATION

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Paper Stationery Will Go Far and Wide, Announcing  
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## Kisses, Not Spankings, Greet Small Wanderers



Anthony and Dora Mack,  
Who Fled from Ogre of  
Education, Restored to  
Parents in Elmhurst

A little boy and a little girl, four nights away from home, sat, a bit depressed, at the foot of a heap of neglected rubbish, in a public dump lot a few feet from the corner of Caldwel Avenue and Maiden Lane, Mass. path, Long Island, at 10 o'clock yesterday morning.

They—brother and sister—were planning the opening of a wonderfully broad life, that would take them away from the fearful ogre of education and the vicinity of a strong right hand.

Their faces were not too soiled to make identification difficult, though they had not inadvertently neglected to effect a material transfer of the immediate landscape to their countenances and their garments.

Their cousin, Jimmy Leonard, who had been asked by their parents, Jacob and Mrs. Mack, of 79 Broadway, Elmhurst, to look for the children, feeling that they were at the corner of 10 o'clock yesterday morning, and, feeling that the boy and girl he gazed at were not dissimilar to the cousins he had known in Elmhurst, he walked over.

Jimmy Tells Policeman.  
"Uncle Jacob told me to find you," he said.

Anthony, the boy, stepped forward before his sister, Dora, could respond and told Jimmy to "shut up." So Jimmy ran away.

But he didn't run beyond where he found Patrolman James Widenkash, three blocks distant. To Widenkash, Jimmy revealed the essentials of his discovery. The policeman hurried to the dump, but when the young Macks saw him approaching they sprang up and, dodging behind the sidewalk piles of rubbish, got to the opposite side of the lot before Widenkash was convinced that the Elmhurst mystery was in the solving.

For the children, it must be that, across the lot, Dora, who is older than Anthony, slipped and rolled on her back. Her brother stopped, picked her up, and was trying to carry her to the trolley tracks and the automobile pile, when she was struck by a trolley. The number of the racing car was 10.

While driving his automobile at White Plains and Boston road, The Bronx, last night, Andrew Galbraith, of Forest Hills, Long Island, lost control of his machine, turned over, and was killed. His wife, who was in the car, was injured, but the auto was wrecked. The number of the racing car was 10.

When the children got to the sidewalk they hurried along together, getting no heed to the shouts of the police or to the cries of a score of children whose interest had been aroused by the pursuit. Through weakness, induced by lack of proper sleep, they were unable to resist the temptation of sufficient food, Dora and Anthony did not last long.

Widenkash was very gentle. "I'm going to take you where you'll get something to eat," he said.

"And you won't hurt us for not going to school all those days?" asked Dora, trying to brush off the mud spots from her brown coat.

"He's going to arrest us," said Anthony, just going to take care of you; come with me," said the policeman.

They boarded a streetcar. Widenkash sat next to the children. Anthony kept his arm around his sister, kept a space of half a foot between himself and the policeman on the ride. Widenkash spoke to both, but Anthony only glowered in answer. The girl, however, answered him, and she disclosed the situation to all the passengers.

Wanted Spanking Qualified.  
"It wasn't nice all the time we didn't go home," she said. "And I don't think going to spank us. You think I can't spank us hard, do you?" she asked Widenkash. The policeman said he'd try to prevent it.

They were taken to the Newtown police station. Captain Price tried to help them clean their clothes, but the job was too difficult. He told them that their parents had been worrying over their absence, and that such nice children should do all they could to help their mother and father. Then he told Widenkash to take them home.

As they were leaving the police station and were stepping down to the first floor, Anthony saw a lump of sugar on the second stair from the top. He picked it up and offered it to Dora. "Eat it," he said.

She grasped it eagerly, and in the next second it was in her mouth.

When the children reached their home their parents, who have three other children, were waiting expectantly, having been notified by messenger that Dora and Anthony had been found. Mr. and Mrs. Mack were on the porch of their small frame house when they saw the policeman and the children step from the car. They rushed down, and, lifting the children into their

arms, hurried them into the house, kissing them frenziedly.

It was a reception that quite toppled the composure of Anthony. "Ain't you going to whip us?" he asked, very much surprised.

He received no vocal answer. Tears streamed down the red face of the father, a recent laborer in the Department of Highways. Mrs. Mack, who stood, dazed, on the porch, Anthony in his arms, into the house. When the father reached the parlor Mack tore Dora from his wife's arms and, grasping the two children in a frenzy of affection, kissed them until the dust from their faces had settled on his.

In a few minutes food was before the returned wanderers. What they did to it would make a separate story. What they are due to receive, in the course of human events, is not, according to the reporter's understanding, an Iron Cross.

Dora explained that what caused it all was that she stayed away from St. Adelbert's School last Thursday morning and was in line for punishment. So she induced her brother to run away with her. She was, however, as she declared to be eager for an opportunity to line up against them.

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## WHITMAN AGAINST STATE CONVENTION

Calls Argetsinger's Bill,  
Proposing Restoration,  
Reactionary.

MAY BE INTRODUCED  
IN SENATE TO-DAY

Governor Determined That Direct  
Primary Law Shall Not  
Be Emancipated.

[From a Staff Correspondent of The Tribune.]  
Albany, Feb. 22.—Governor Whitman is opposed to the bill to be introduced tomorrow by Senator George F. Argetsinger, of Rochester, amending the election law so that the old convention tends to destroy the present direct primary law, and it is said that he told the delegation that submitted the measure to him that under no circumstances would he sign it in its present form.

"I do not think that this bill as it now stands," the Governor is reported to have said, "is a wise measure. It is against the modern trend of thought and there are provisions in it that are decidedly reactionary."

The Governor is said to have specified his objection notably to that part of the bill which restores the old convention, and the delegation is understood to have left the Executive Chamber with no uncertainty as to where the Governor stood.

If the management of the bill attempt to override his wishes the Governor will ask for a showing of hands, and from the talk heard in the Senate and Assembly chambers to-night before the legislature convened, it is believed he would have a strong Republican element behind him.

Already there is considerable feeling engendered against the old guard, which is well represented here and in many respects is as powerful as when Governor Hughes had to contend with it. New members of the Legislature are particularly displeased at the way they have managed things and are declared to be eager for an opportunity to line up against them.

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## LEARN BY WORKING, SAYS INSTRUCTOR

Columbia Professor Dis-  
cards Old Ways of Find-  
ing Natural Gifts.

HOW THORNDIKE  
METHOD WORKS

Wirt System of Elementary In-  
struction a Success in  
Brooklyn School.

By HENRIETTA RODMAN.  
Professor Harry L. Hollingworth, of Columbia University, has just completed a study of ways of discovering natural gifts. "We all want to know how to find special ability," I told him. "If we haven't any, we are sure our children have. Can you tell us how to discover what kind of work we can do best?"

"I can tell you what methods are being tried," said Professor Hollingworth, in that scientific way. And he did tell me a most interesting story of how the savages tried to find out what kind of work they could do best by magic and of the later use of fortune telling and palmistry to help young people find their work. He spoke especially of the Thorndike tests, which are a series of physical characteristics as the shape of the fingers, color of the eyes or texture of the skin.

"These methods have no value," said Professor Hollingworth. "The only characteristics that have relation to mental traits, except where they are as extreme as the differences between a man and a dog, for example. The sloping forehead of the dog does indicate lower mentality, but the comparative physical differences between human beings do not indicate psychological differences."

"We have a simple theory here in America to the effect that any boy can be trained for any job. The theory is wrong, but the practice based on it is rather useful, for it is leading us to put all kinds of industrial training within reach of young people. If they fail in one kind of work, they try another. Thus the work itself constitutes a practical test of ability. This is the test that Dean Schneider uses."

"Professor Thorndike uses a different method. He gives test papers on the type of work to be done in a given occupation. The test is itself a sort of concentration of the experiences a worker would have. If he fails in the test, it is probable that he will fail in the work. Thorndike's tests save time, and they have proved very successful."

"If I want to find my particular gifts must I either work in all kinds of occupations or take all of Professor Thorndike's tests?" I asked.

"He hasn't developed many as yet," Professor Hollingworth comforted me, "and you can't very well work in all occupations, so you may never find them at all."

And then I remembered a Sorolla day several years ago on the coast of Massachusetts, and a young man who pointed to another young man and said: "They've made that chap a professor. Apparently because he knows nothing about life—he's never been out of school—he's selected him to be a teacher." By the way, he went on, "do you know that you are a very idle, ignorant and unhappy young woman? That you may have some sort of ability, but you won't try to find it out? Go to work at anything you can do for 50 cents a day, and live on the 50 cents. Find out what's in you."

This was my first interview with Professor Thorndike; and the first vocational test he ever attempted was working for a month at sewing, cleaning, factory work, nursing, anything at which I could make 50 cents a day. I was a workaholic while experience. I wish every college girl would take this first "Thorndike test."

Public School 89, in Brooklyn, where Mr. Crane is trying out his system of elementary education, is rather disappointing to the hurried visitor. If you drop in at the school, which is, by the way, in one of the worst parts of the city, you may feel that you have only the trip for your pains—but you haven't.

You may think that all that Mr. Wirt has done has been to take the vacant lots about as a playground for the children, and send several classes to the auditorium at every period for a "culture hour."

You may stay a little longer you may notice a rather unusual lack of rigidity on the part of the children. They are more natural, spontaneous and energetic than in most public schools. It is due to the fact that the school is a workaholic while experience. I wish every college girl would take this first "Thorndike test."

They say that he is a poor workman who blames his tools, but he seems to be a poor employer who provides a workaholic while experience. I wish every college girl would take this first "Thorndike test."

So far as I can see, the Wirt system of work with plenty of play space for the children. But the cost of this luxury and of all the other luxuries which Mr. Wirt regards as necessities for children—God bless him!—is saved by the remarkable economy of his system.

Hereafter our elementary schools will have to be built beside playgrounds, therefore, the city and the State will have to pay for the maintenance of the playgrounds, as well as our children, will have a better chance to breathe.

The need of a trade school in the Bronx was discussed by Superintendent William Wirt and Joseph Taylor, Mrs. Florence Kelley, Dr. Ira Wile and Angelo Patri on Wednesday evening, February 24, at 8 o'clock, at Bronx House, 1437 Washington Avenue, near Third Avenue. (Claremont Parkway Station.)

YOUNG JEWS MEET HERE  
Five Thousand Represented at  
Judea Club Convention.

Five thousand Jewish children in all parts of this country were represented by delegates to the annual convention of the Young Judea Club, of which Mrs. N. Taylor Phillips is honorary president, which was brought to a close last night. The meeting was held in the Young Men's Hebrew Association, Ninety-second Street and Lexington Avenue. The chairman of the executive committee of the Federation of American Zionists, Professor Richard Gottheil, of Columbia University, who spoke on the present Zionist situation, and Miss Jessie Sampter, who is head of the Zionist training school, preparing Jewish children for national leadership in this city.

Among the speakers were Professor Gottheil, principal of the Jewish Teachers' College of this city; Dr. David de Sola Pool, rabbi of Temple Shearith Israel, who spoke on the Jewish Education and Young Judea; Louis Lipsky, chairman of the executive committee of the Federation of American Zionists; Professor Richard Gottheil, of Columbia University, who spoke on the present Zionist situation, and Miss Jessie Sampter, who is head of the Zionist training school, preparing Jewish children for national leadership in this city.